

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Reissue Application for Reissue of: )  
 Applicant : Mark F. McCarty )  
 U.S. Patent No. : 5,929,066 )  
 Appl. No. : 09/110,511 )  
 Issued : February 2, 1999 )  
 For CHROMIUM/BIOTIN )  
 TREATMENT OF TYPE )  
 II DIABETES )

#3/a  
 JRP  
 10/22/01

**REISSUE PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
**AND STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.173(C)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The following amendments are made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(b)(2). Prior to examination of the above-identified Reissue Application, please amend the reissue application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Kindly add claims 11 through 24 as follows:

11. A method for reducing hyperglycemia or stabilizing the level of serum glucose comprising administering to an individual in need thereof between about 50 and 1,000 micrograms per day of chromium as synthetic chromic tripicolinate in combination with between about 25 µg and 200 mg per day of biotin, wherein the amounts of chromic tripicolinate and biotin are selected together to provide a greater than additive effect.

12. A method for reducing hyperglycemia or stabilizing the level of serum glucose comprising administering to an individual in need thereof a composition consisting essentially of between about 50 and 1,000 micrograms per day of chromium as synthetic chromic tripicolinate in combination with between about 25 micrograms and 200 milligrams per day of biotin, wherein the

0912472-072401

Sub  
B1

A1